

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1-12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling an actuator arm system for a hard disk drive comprising:

positioning a lower bearing on a flange, the lower bearing having an inner race and an outer race, wherein the flange supports the inner race in an axial direction relative to a shaft ~~placing a lower bearing on a shaft;~~

placing an actuator arm on the outer race of the lower bearing wherein the actuator arm is in contact with the outer race of the lower bearing;

placing an upper bearing on the shaft, the upper bearing having an inner race and an outer race;

applying an adhesive between ~~an~~ the inner race of the upper bearing and the shaft;

applying an axial preload force to the inner race of the upper bearing;

curing the adhesive; and

releasing the preload force.

14-19 (Canceled)

20. (Withdrawn) A method of assembling an actuator arm system for a hard disk drive comprising:

placing a lower bearing in a hole;
placing a shaft in the lower bearing;
placing an upper bearing in the hole and on the shaft;
applying an adhesive between an outer race of the upper bearing and the hole;
applying an axial preload force to the outer race of the upper bearing;
curing the adhesive;
releasing the preload force; and
attaching the actuator arm to the shaft.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein the upper bearing and the lower bearing have equivalent inner bores.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein the upper bearing and the lower bearing have different inner bores.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein the upper bearing and the lower bearing have equivalent outer diameters.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein the upper bearing and the lower bearing have different outer diameters.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein the actuator arm system does not include a sleeve to receive the upper bearing and the lower bearing.
27. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein the shaft includes a flange that restrains the lower bearing.
28. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein the actuator arm is shaped such that a gap exists between the actuator arm and the shaft.
29. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein the shaft comprises a threaded hole in the top of the shaft.